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1. TEAM WAS BRIEFED BY STATION SUNDAY AND BY MACV MONDAY. WILL SPEND TUESDAY DANANG, WEDNESDAY NHA TRANG AND PLEIKU, THURSDAY BIEN HOA AND CAN THO, FRIDAY ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS SAIGON. PLAN LEAVE SAIGON ON SCHEDULE SATURDAY.

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2. *[REDACTED]* OF LAST ITEM). (OPS CEN *[REDACTED]*) CALLED ON BUNKER AND WESTMORELAND MONDAY MORNING. DISCUSSION EASY AND FRANK. NO PROBLEMS. STATION BRIEFING EXCELLENT. MACV BRIEFING ROUTINE.

3. INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT PRELIMINARY POST MORTEM WILL STAND UP WELL. WASHINGTON APPEARS TO HAVE HAD SAME MATERIAL AS SAIGON, BUT ATMOSPHERE OF ALL HELL ABOUT TO BREAK LOOSE, WHICH EXISTED SAIGON, DID NOT FULLY CARRY THROUGH TO WASHINGTON.

4. LARGE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL POUCHED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS. CMDR HAMILTON WILL PROVIDE COPY TO *[REDACTED]* ON 25X1A

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ARRIVAL. SUGGEST HEADQUARTERS ANALYSTS FLOW INTO THIS

ASAP, AS WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR ONLY MOST CURSORY

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IMMEDIATE DANANG PRIORITY NHA TRANG, BIEN HOA, CAN THO INFO DIRECTOR

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REF: SAIGON 9905 (NOT SENT DIRECTOR)

1. WORKING GROUP DESCRIBED REF WILL VISIT DANANG ON TUESDAY, NHA TRANG AND PLEIKU ON ^{WED} WEDNESDAY, BIN HOA AND CAN THO ON THURSDAY. GROUP PLANS TO SPEND ABOUT ONE HOUR WITH [REDACTED] PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, REMAINDER OF TIME WITH UNITED STATES AND GVN MILITARY. MILITARY COMMANDS WILL BE ADVISED THROUGH THEIR OWN CHANNELS.

2. SAIGON HAS ALREADY PASSED TO GROUP COPIES OF ALL REPORTING FROM FIELD COVERING PERIOD 15-30 JANUARY SO YOU WILL NOT NEED TO DO THIS. COPIES OF YOUR RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS C AND D ALSO PASSED TO GROUP. ASSUME GROUP WILL WANT TO EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS AND INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR VARIOUS PROGRAMS. 25X1A

3. CAS MEMBERS OF GROUP CONSIST OF [REDACTED]

MILITARY MEMBERS CONSIST OF MAJOR GEN. ROBERT R. GLASS, COL. JOHN V. LANTEMAN, COL. GEORGE C. VINEY AND MAJOR

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PAGE 2 SAIGON [REDACTED] S E C R E T

BARRIE WILLIAMS. TWO CINCPAC OFFICERS ALSO ACCOMPANYING GROUP AND MACV EXPECTED TO SEND AT LEAST ONE OBSERVER.

4. FOR DANANG. MOST OF MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL DEPART VIA AIR AMERICA AT 0700 ON TUESDAY. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WITH GENERAL GLASS AND MACV REPS WILL DEPART ONE HOUR LATER SO ARRIVAL TIMES WILL PROBABLY COINCIDE. WHILE AT DANANG GROUP WILL BREAK UP AND VISIT III MAF G-2 AND G-3, I CORPS (ARVN) COMMANDER AND SENIOR ADVISOR AS WELL AS [REDACTED] PARTY PLANS TO HAVE LUNCH WITH MARINES. GEN. GLASS

25X1A AND [REDACTED] PLAN TO CALL ON GEN. CUSHMAN AND GEN. LASS MAY ALSO VISIT PHU BAI.

5. WILL ADVISE FURTHER DETAILS RE II, III AND IV CORPS VISITS ASAP.

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REFERENCE: A. DIRECTOR 82580

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1. MACV RESPONSE REFERENCES FOLLOWS: QUOTE

A. WE FOUND NO ENEMY BASE AREAS IN THE SAIGON AREA; HOWEVER, THOSE AREAS WHICH WERE OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETAKEN BY FRIENDLY FORCES YIELDED SPARSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. SOME DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND WHICH ALLOWED US TO

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AND WE DISCOVERED A FEW CACHES OF WEAPONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. REGARDING OUR OVERRUNNING COSVN'S BASE AREA, THE COSVN HQ WAS NEVER IDENTIFIED AS BEING IN SAIGON ITSELF ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THAT ELEMENTS WERE IN THE OUTSKIRTS. OPERATION YELLOWSTONE IN TAY TINH RENDERED SEVERAL TONS OF DOCUMENTS, SOME OF WHICH WERE CONDUCTIVE TO OUR ANALYSIS OF ENEMY POST-TET STRATEGY. THIS WILL AID OUR FUTURE OPERATIONAL PLANNING.

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B. ALL SOURCES OF INTELL CONTRIBUTE TO
EFFORTS TO GET AT THE ENEMY COMMO-LIAISON ROUTES AND
TO FIND CACHES - THESE PLUS IMPRESSED PORTERS ARE
THE ENEMY'S FORWARD SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. UNQUOTE

2. REGARDING REF B, PARAGRAPH 3, OPERATION
QUYET THANG HAS YET TO PRODUCE ANY SIGNIFICANT
INTELLIGENCE THOUGH A NUMBER OF WEAPONS CACHES HAVE BEEN
UNCOVERED. FRIENDLY OPERATIONS OVER PAST YEAR THROUGH
REFERENCE B " SAIGON AREA" HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED SIZEABLE
"ENEMY BASE AREAS" OF TYPE CONTAINING LARGE VOLUME DOCUMENTS
SUCH AS FOUND CEDAR FALLS AND JUNCTION CITY.

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- A. URBAN AREA INCLUDING SAIGON, CHO LON AND GIA DINH
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- C. CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT

REQUEST THAT REPORT DEAL WITH ~~THESE THREE AREAS~~ THESE THREE AREAS SEPARATELY.

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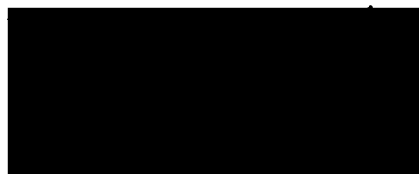
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PER PARA 1A, PLEASE CLARIFY QUOTE SAIGON AREA UNQUOTE
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1. ON 12 MARCH, GENERAL TAYLOR PASSED A LIST OF QUESTIONS TO [REDACTED] MOST OF THESE WE CAN HANDLE HERE BUT THE FOLLOWING TWO WILL REQUIRE FIELD INPUT:

“ A. A REPORT IS DESIRED AS TO THE OUTCOME OF ATTACKS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BY U.S./SVN FORCES ON ENEMY BASE AREAS IN THE SAIGON AREA. FOR INSTANCE, NOW THAT THE OLD COSVN AREA HAS BEEN OVER-RUN WHAT WAS FOUND THERE, PARTICULARLY WHAT INCREASED INTELLIGENCE WAS OBTAINED WHICH WAS OF VALUE FOR KXXM FURTHER MILITARY OPERATIONS?

“ B. WHAT INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS ARE NOW BEING MADE BY U.S./SOUTH VIETNAM ELEMENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE FORWARD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UTILIZED BY THE ENEMY FOR THE SUPPORT OF ITS MILITARY OPERATIONS, AS THE BASIS FOR INTERDICTION OF SUCH DISTRIBUTION BY OUR MILITARY FORCES?”

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2. REQUEST YOU GENERATE THROUGH YOUR ~~MISSION~~ **TEAM** BEST POSSIBLE COORDINATED (I.E., STATION PLUS MACV) SAIGON FIELD RESPONSE AND SE BACK THROUGH OUR CHANNELS. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE OUR RESPONSE, INCORPORATING YOUR INPUT, BY COB MONDAY, 18 MARCH.

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